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14. OCCURRENCE OF THE ANCHOVY *COILIA KORUA* ON THE WEST COAST OF INDIA

The Rat-tailed Anchovy *Coilia korua* Dutt & Seshagiri Rao 1972 has been originally described from Gollapalem, Andhra Coast. The species can be identified on the following characters. Br. St. 10-11, D I 12, P xii-xiii (free filaments) + 5-7, V i 5-6, A 101-106, g.r. 23-26 + 30-33, scutes 7-9 + 9-11 (total, 17-19) and with maxilla not reaching the gill opening. *C. korua* occurs in Hoogly estuary (Whitehead 1972), at Kakinada (Rao 1975) and

Gollapalem on the Andhra Coast. The species is now being recorded for the first time from Bombay based on 5 specimens 93-106 mm S.L. collected on 14-i-1975 along with *C. dussumieri* and *C. ramacaratii*. The following counts were made. D I 13-15, P xii (free filaments) + 7, V 7, A 104-110, g.r. 24-25 + 32-33, scutes 8-9 + 9-12 (total, 17-20). *C. korua* is likely to occur on the Southwest Coast of India also.

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